Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in men and women combined in the United States; and,

Whereas, Colorectal cancer can be diagnosed in its early stage; and,

Whereas, Less than one-half of men and women over the age of 50 receive screenings for colorectal cancer; and,

Whereas, Adopting a healthy diet at a young age can significantly reduce the risk of developing colorectal cancer; and,

Whereas, March is designated as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month and National Nutrition Awareness Month, because the prevention of colorectal cancer is highly dependent on a healthy diet; and,

Whereas, Education and awareness can help inform the public of prevention methods and symptoms for early detection of this deadly disease:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 2008 as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State